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## SHULTZ NOT ENCOURAGED BY 5 HOUR MEETING WITH ASSAD

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 6 (JTA) -- Secretary of State George Shultz told Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir tonight that he was "not despairing" but neither was he encouraged by his five hour meeting with President Hafez Assad of Syria in Damascus earlier today.

Shultz, who arrived here this evening and will meet with Premier Menachem Begin tomorrow morning, apparently made no headway in convincing Assad to drop his opposition to the Israel-Lebanon withdrawal agreement and agree to withdraw Syrian troops from Lebanon, according to Israeli sources who briefed reporters after Shultz's meeting with Shamir.

They said the fact he was not despairing "does not mean he found grounds for optimism." At the same time, a reported decision to set up a joint U.S.-Syrian commission on "Lebanese sovereignty and independence" was seen as a success of sorts.

Shultz was quoted as telling reporters enroute from Damascus to Tel Aviv that "the doors are not closed." But he did not conceal the fact that his session with Assad was a grueling argument in which the two men were diametrically opposed on the meaning and significance of the Israel-Lebanon agreement.

Shultz dined with Defense Minister Moshe Arens tonight. At his meeting with Begin tomorrow, the subject of Israel's plans to redeploy its forces in Lebanon is expected to be discussed. (See separate story.) Meanwhile, Shultz announced that he will stop over briefly in Jordan and Egypt after he leaves Israel to return to Washington tomorrow.

## MINISTERS DISCUSS PLANS TO REDEPLOY IDF IN LEBANON

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 6 (JTA) -- Plans for a redeployment of the Israel Defense Force in Lebanon were reviewed by the Ministerial Defense Committee this morning. The meeting, chaired by Premier Menachem Begin, was attended by senior IDF officers. There was an examination of maps, logistics matters and various alternative redeployment lines submitted by the General Staff.

The meeting was held only hours before the arrival here of Secretary of State George Shultz who was in Damascus today meeting with President Hafez Assad of Syria. There have been no indications up to now that Syria will budge from its refusal to pull its own troops out of Lebanon, thereby allowing Israel and Lebanon to implement their own withdrawal agreement signed last May 17.

The U.S. has reiterated its commitment to the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon. It is therefore opposed to a unilateral pullback by Israeli troops to shorter lines on grounds that such a move would establish the permanent partition of Lebanon. This matter will doubtlessly be discussed with Shultz who will meet separately with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defense Minister Moshe Arens.

If the government makes a firm decision to redeploy the IDF, the new line is expected to run along the Awali river to the Lebanese coast just north of Sidon,

about 40 kilometers north of the Israeli border. But no redeployment orders will be issued before Begin's meeting with President Reagan in Washington July 27. When Begin leaves for the U.S. it probably will be with a "decision in principle" by the Cabinet to redeploy in Lebanon but with authority to be flexible over the implementation of that decision.

## DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER NOTES IMPROVEMENT IN ISRAEL-EUROPEAN RELATIONS, BUT DIFFERENCES PERSIST

By David Landau and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 6 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Hans Van der Broek of Holland called today for the "abolition" of Israel's "settlement policy" in the occupied territories. He told reporters, after a meeting with Premier Menachem Begin, that the settlements were an area of difference between the Western European nations and Israel.

Nevertheless, the Dutch diplomat noted at his press conference that there was an overall improvement in the atmosphere of Israel-European relations as a result of the Israel-Lebanon withdrawal agreement signed last May 17.

He pointed out that the heads of government of the 10 European Economic Community (EEC) countries, at their summit meeting in Stuttgart last month, welcomed the Israel-Lebanon accord and decided to lift the economic sanctions the EEC imposed on Israel when it invaded Lebanon in June, 1982.

Israeli sources said Van der Broek's meeting with Begin this morning had been low key and cordial. The two men reviewed the Lebanon situation and overall prospects for Middle East peace. Begin stressed Israel's intention to "redeploy" its forces in Lebanon, "in consultation" with the United States, the sources said. (See separate story.)

Van der Broek expressed appreciation for the thanks his Israeli host offered Holland with respect to its representation of Israeli interests in the Soviet Union, with which Israel has no diplomatic ties. The Dutch minister also noted that Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir had welcomed Holland's efforts within the EEC to protect the interests of Israel and other Mediterranean states in the context of the entry of Spain and Portugal into the European Common Market, now scheduled for January, 1986.

## Differ Over Comprehensive Peace Efforts

Van der Broek conferred at length with Shamir yesterday. It was learned that the Dutch minister expressed doubts over the "bilateral" approach to Middle East peace-making, citing the "cold peace" that now prevails between Israel and Egypt and the Israel-Lebanon accord which cannot be implemented because of Syria's objections to it.

In response to Van der Broek's suggestion that more comprehensive approaches to peace involving a broader Arab consensus should be tried, Shamir contended that the involvement of several Arab parties together would inevitably produce a "lowest common denominator" reflecting the most uncompromising position among them. He insisted that the Camp David autonomy talks, suspended, he said, through no fault of Israel, still offered the best way to a stable solution of the Palestinian problem.

Meanwhile, French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson, currently visiting the Middle East, stopped over in Jerusalem for five hours today. Cheysson came here directly from Damascus where he reportedly discussed ways and means to end the Lebanon stalemate with Syrian leaders. But he had no statement for reporters on either his arrival or departure.

### KNESSET APPROVES FIRST WOMAN IN BEGIN CABINET

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 6 (JTA) -- The Knesset voted 62-50 yesterday to approve the appointment to the Cabinet of Liberal-Likud MK Sarah Doron as a Minister-Without-Portfolio. There was one abstention.

Doron will be the first woman in the all male Cabinets presided over by Premier Menachem Begin since Likud was first elected to office in 1977. There had been considerable opposition to her, not necessarily on the basis of sex. The Orthodox Aguda Israel party objected strenuously to Doron's liberal positions on abortion and on the relationship of the State to the religious establishment.

But that opposition seemed to abate as her nomination was brought to a vote, leading Labor opposition MKs to suggest that a "deal" had been made with the Aguda on the controversial "Who is a Jew" amendment which Likud's Liberal Party wing vigorously opposed. The defeat of that amendment which would make invalid conversions to Judaism by non-Orthodox rabbis, was attributed to the Liberal MKs. It was rejected by a 58-50 vote when submitted to the Knesset last March.

### Begin Commitment To Aguda

According to unconfirmed reports, Begin has recently written to the Aguda leaders that he is "committed to make every effort" to secure a Knesset majority for the amendment. He had made similar pledges to the Aguda in the past to "do his best" for the amendment but without reference to a "commitment." Some opposition MKs suspect that Begin intends to exert pressure on the Liberals not to oppose the amendment when it is next raised in the Knesset, probably after the summer recess.

The opposition also noted that Doron would be the 21st minister in a government which also includes eight deputy ministers. They observed that this was hardly the "compact and streamlined government" Begin had promised in his election campaigning.

Doron will be replacing former Energy Minister Yitzhak Berman who resigned from the government last September following the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps massacre. The death last month of Deputy Premier and Agriculture Minister Simcha Ehrlich left vacant another Liberal Party Cabinet seat. The agriculture portfolio is now expected to go to Pessah Gruper who is presently Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

### DOCTORS, GOVERNMENT SIGN AGREEMENT FOR BINDING ARBITRATION OF STRIKE ISSUES

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 6 (JTA) -- Government-employed doctors signed an agreement with the government last night for a binding arbitration to adjudicate the doctors' demands for higher salaries and shorter working hours.

A neutral arbitrator must be selected by both sides within 48 hours of the signing. The arbitrator will have 40 days to make a determination in the dispute. The decision to seek arbitration, originally opposed by the government, brought to an end the four month long doctors' strike and a two week hunger strike by doctors which had made it impossible for hospitals to continue to function.

Points in dispute between the government-employed physicians and doctors employed by Kupat Holim, the Histadrut sick fund, were clarified by an exchange of letters between the two parties. The sick fund doctors had joined in the general strike but were returning to normal duties before the arbitration decision.

### SHCHARANSKY ALLOWED FIRST VISIT BY FAMILY IN 18 MONTHS

NEW YORK, July 6 (JTA) -- Anatoly Shcharansky was visited by his family at Chistopol prison this week, for the first time in 18 months, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews reported today.

News of the visit by Shcharansky's mother, Ida Milgram and his brother, Leonid Shcharansky, was obtained by telephone from a family friend, Dina Beilin, in Jerusalem. They were able to speak with him for two hours through a glass partition, she said.

According to Beilin, she was told by Mrs. Milgram that her son looks like "a tiny old man and has lost all his hair. His health is very poor. Towards the end of his 110-day hunger strike in January he weighed only 77 pounds and is today only a little more than 110 pounds." Shcharansky's family also told Beilin that "he is being deprived of all his few rights as a Soviet prisoner and is treated as a hostage."

Shcharansky, who first applied for an emigration visa in 1973, is serving a 13 year prison term for alleged "treason" after he campaigned to join his wife Avital in Israel. He was sentenced in July, 1978.

### CANADIAN PARTY REJECTS RECOGNITION OF PLO

By Ben Kayfetz

TORONTO, July 6 (JTA) -- A resolution calling on Canada to recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization as the representative of the Palestinian people was defeated by the 1,200 delegates attending the 50th anniversary convention of the New Democratic Party in Regina, Saskatchewan. But the resolution that emerged after a 90 minute debate endorsed the principle of a homeland for the Palestinians.

The resolution stated that Palestinian demands for a homeland were a valid and important cornerstone of peace in the Middle East. While it urged the PLO and Arab states to recognize Israel's right to exist, it also supported PLO involvement in the Mideast peace process and asked an end to Israeli settlements in the occupied territories. The resolution called for the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon.

The refusal to recognize the PLO was explained by Bob Rae, NDP leader in Ontario. "I don't remember ever an election return that elected the PLO to anything," he said. "I believe it is essential to keep a sense of perspective about who and what is a democratic voice in the Middle East today. We will recognize democratically elected governments and no one else."

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GENEVA (JTA) -- A total of 102 Jews were allowed to leave the Soviet Union in June, according to the Geneva-based Intergovernmental Committee for Migration. Of that number, 42 proceeded to Israel.

## HERUT SPONSORS 'FOR ISRAEL' MOVEMENT TO COUNTER 'PEACE NOW'

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 6 (JTA) -- Herut is sponsoring a new movement known as "For Israel" to counter Peace Now and other movements opposed to Premier Menachem Begin's foreign policy and the settlement drive on the West Bank.

"For Israel" is billed as non-partisan. Its founding session last night was addressed by former Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan who, according to press reports is being wooed to join Herut. Eitan reiterated his support for massive settlement of the West Bank but did not refer to any personal political plans he might have.

Other speakers at the meeting included a number of reserve officers who complained that "a vocal minority is seeking to undermine democratic practices in Israel." The "For Israel" movement is planning a march along Tel Aviv's Rothschild Boulevard this Saturday night. It is the same route taken by one of Peace Now's first mass demonstrations several years ago.

## JEWISH MILITANTS DEMAND CRACKDOWN ON HEBRON ARABS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 6 (JTA) -- Militant Jewish settlers threatened today to take matters into their own hands if the army did not crack down harder on Arabs in Hebron who they claimed were jeopardizing the security of Jews.

A small group of Jews who have established themselves in Hebron, led by Rabbi Moshe Levinger, a Gush Emunim hardliner from adjacent Kiryat Arba, objected today when the army lifted an order that had closed all shops and buildings on Hebron's main street for the past five days. The closure was imposed after an explosive was thrown at an Israeli military vehicle on the main street last Friday.

According to Levinger, "The security situation along the roads is unstable. A man leaves his home and doesn't know what is going to happen to him." The settlers are demanding that the army take more effective measures against the Arab population and special action against Hebron Mayor Mustapha Abdul Natshe who they alleged is a "PLO agent."

Natshe complained to the Israeli authorities that the recent unrest in Hebron is the result of Jewish provocations. He pointed out that the West Bank city has been quiet for many years. Security sources said the tension only served the interests of the PLO to prove that Jews and Arabs could not coexist in peace.

The settlers insist that there is no solution but drastic action. They said that in the past month alone, 14 Jews were injured in more than 50 rock-throwing incidents. The settlers have already retaliated. Two Arab buses were set on fire last week and five electric utility poles erected by the Hebron municipality were torn down.

Local police have appointed a special investigating team to track down both Jewish and Arab attackers, but so far without results.

## WEST GERMAN JEWS PLAN NEW SETTLEMENT IN ISRAEL

By David Kantor

BONN, July 6 (JTA) -- A group of Jewish families in West Germany announced plans to establish a settlement in Israel, to be called Amonim. It will be the first settlement by Jewish emigres from Germany since the Hitler era.

A spokesman for the group stressed that the families will be settling in Israel proper, not in occupied territories and that their village will be organized along the lines of a moshav, a small holders cooperative. The group is trying to recruit additional members so that the new settlement will have a nucleus of 25 families.

Jewish Agency representatives here have discussed the project with the group and have promised their support. A representative of the moshavim movement said his organization will provide any information needed and financial assistance.

## ISRAELI ARABS ASK TO RETURN TO FORMER GALILEE VILLAGE

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 6 (JTA) -- Israeli Arabs, former residents of the village of Biram in upper Galilee, have renewed their long standing appeal for permission to return to the site of the village which was razed by the Israel army years ago.

About 100 Arabs demonstrated outside Premier Menachem Begin's office today, urging him to fulfill a campaign promise that he would allow their return. The villagers were forced to leave their homes in 1949, after Israel's war for independence. They were told they could return in "a matter of days" but were never allowed to.

The reason given was that Biram's proximity to the Lebanese border posed a security threat if it was repopulated. Although many prominent Israelis, including Cabinet ministers supported the villagers' repeated appeals, they were adamantly rejected by the late Premier Golda Meir. The villagers argue that as a result of last summer's war in Lebanon, a security threat no longer exists. Moreover, they say, they have proven their loyalty to Israel over the years.

## TV EDITOR WITH NAZI RECORD MAY BE FORCED TO RESIGN

By David Kantor

BONN, July 6 (JTA) -- Theo Loch, editor-in-chief of WDR in Cologne, one of West Germany's largest television and radio stations, is expected to take early retirement because of new revelations of his Nazi past. Most of the station's editors have called for his dismissal.

Loch, 61, a card-carrying Nazi and an officer of the Waffen SS during World War II, underwent the "denazification" process after the war and was classified by the Allied occupation authorities as a "mitläufer" (fellow-traveller). As such, he was hired by WDR, at which time he provided details of his wartime activities. But he failed to acknowledge his Nazi past when he was nominated, later on, to be chief editor of WDR television.

Friedrich Von Sell, director general of WDR, said several days ago that there were no grounds to fire Loch. But he admitted to the station's council of directors that Loch's membership in Nazi organizations was not given consideration when he was promoted. The council issued a statement that it sought a solution which would avoid damaging WDR while at the same time take into account Loch's ex-post facto commitment to democracy in the Federal Republic.

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BONN, July 6 (JTA) -- Several youth groups along with trade unionists and political factions have established a committee to deal with what they say is increasing neo-Nazi activity in the city of Frankfurt.

## N.Y. STATE EXPANDS LAW PENALIZING ACTS OF VANDALISM AGAINST HOUSES OF WORSHIP

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, July 6 (JTA) -- A state law approved in 1982 to increase the penalty for acts of desecration against synagogues and churches has been extended by new legislation to include damage to educational and residential premises, Assemblyman Sheldon Silver (D, Manhattan) reported this week.

Two bills sponsored by Silver to address the problem were approved by the Assembly, and similar measures, introduced in the State Senate by Sen. Norman Levy (R-C, Nassau) were approved overwhelmingly in each house and are now on Governor Mario Cuomo's desk for his expected signature.

One measure amends the state penal law to expand the crime of aggravated harassment in the first degree to include damages to institutions maintained for the purposes of religious instruction. The 1981 measures also were sponsored by Assemblyman Silver and Sen. Levy.

### Recent Incidents Cited

Citing recent shooting incidents directed against Yeshiva University in upper Manhattan and the nearby Jewish Memorial Hospital, Silver said "desecration of religious educational institutions is no less harmful than damages to places of religious worship."

The other measure requires insurance firms to report all claims in excess of \$250 for casualty losses resulting from desecration, vandalism and theft of religious articles suffered by houses of worship to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS).

Silver said that the DCJS, after establishing a central registry of such acts, will promulgate rules and regulations to detail the contents of such reports. In addition, local law enforcement agencies will be required to file similar reports with the DCJS so that overall patterns of desecration, vandalism and theft in New York state might be effectively determined.

Silver said that, from this information, the DCJS "will be able to see whether these incidents continue to rise in the state and thus make a comprehensive report to the Governor on or before July 1, 1984, and annually thereafter with respect to its findings and recommendations."

He said it might be possible, after such "want-on acts" were recorded and evaluated "by the central registry," to see whether such acts showed common characteristics which might "provide clues as to the identity and motives" of the perpetrators.

### CONSTRUCTION WORKERS RETURN TO JOBS AFTER DISPUTE OVER LOSS OF PAY ON JEWISH HOLIDAYS

NEW YORK, July 6 (JTA) -- A regional Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith official has confirmed that construction workers have ended a walkout against work on a 40-story office building in Boston because the Orthodox Jewish developers halt construction work on all their projects on Jewish holidays.

Leonard Zakim, New England ADL executive director, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, in a telephone interview, that the Toronto-based real estate firm owned by the Reichmann family

reached an agreement to settle the dispute which had led to more than three months of demonstrations against Olympia and York, of Toronto.

Angered at being forced to stop work during the Passover holidays, the construction workers, members of Ironworkers Union, Local 7, formed an informal "Boston Committee Against Religious Harassment." The union workers contended that "hundreds of workers were losing wages due to religious tyranny."

### Nature Of Agreement

Under the agreement which ended the work stoppage and the demonstrations, the Reichmann policy of no work on Jewish holidays on their projects continues but "ample time" will be allowed workers to make up such lost time through overtime work.

Tom Evers, business agent for the local, said the men were not happy with the agreement because, while they have been given the option for make-up through overtime work, the agreement "legitimizes 12 holidays," adding "there are six holidays in September alone."

He also said any future action on such problems would be done "by collective bargaining" and not by action by the union members.

Zakim also confirmed that during the demonstrations, concern had developed in the Jewish community regarding the possible development of anti-Semitic actions by the strikers. In leaflets disbursed at the work site, the strikers claimed they were victims of "Jewish tyranny" and demanded "an end to religious harassment of Christian workers."

Zakim confirmed he had asserted that the distribution of such material "was neither a productive, ethical, or accurate way to best achieve a settlement" of the holiday dispute. He added that the denunciations were not anti-Semitic but that "we were concerned that, because of the tensions at that time, such an approach might have gotten out of hand." He said construction was now proceeding normally on the office building.

### ARIDOR REDUCES SUBSIDIES TO YESHIVA STUDENTS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 6 (JTA) -- Finance Minister Yoram Aridor has ordered the Treasury to cease paying subsidies to yeshiva students at the same rate paid to the families of armed forces veterans. He acted after two Arab MKs of the Labor Alignment appealed to the Supreme Court against what they consider discrimination against Israel's Arab population.

According to the MKs the discrimination lies in the fact that yeshiva students, who are not required to serve in the armed forces receive the same allowance as veterans while Arabs who are not allowed to serve in the armed forces receive a much lower family subsidy. The appeal was supported by Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir who informed Aridor that the present arrangement is not in accordance with the law.

The appeal is expected to be dropped in view of Aridor's order. Aguda Israel MK Avraham Shapiro said he was not at all concerned because "If they don't pay it one way we will find some other way."

Meanwhile, Mohammad Wattad, one of the Arab MKs who filed the appeal, suggested that the time was ripe for the government to require Israeli Arabs to perform some type of national service in lieu of military service so that there could be no grounds for discrimination.